Electrification of Rail Lines

1086. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rail lines all over the country have been converted into uni-gauge system and full electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it has been achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in completion of the conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal to convert and electrify all railway lines in the country. Electrification and conversion of lines is being done selectively, and only those lines which will generate additional capacity or having developmental potential are being taken up for conversion/electrification.

Train between Machilipatnam and Secunderabad

1087. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new train between Machilipatnam and Secunderabad in South Central Railway; and

(b) if so, when it would start to fulfil the long cherished public demand of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) As announced in the Railway Budget, 7049/7050 Secunderabad-Machilipatnam Express has been introduced with effect from 30.08.1999.

Wagons supply orders to PSUs

1088. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: